

Amusements.

THEATRE ROYAL
Under the management of Messrs. WILSON, GARNER, and MUSGRAVE.
Mr. S. Lane, Treasurer; Mr. G. L. Goodman, Stage Manager; Mr. Benham.

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AND THE
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Government Notices.

Department of Public Instruction.

Sydney, 13th December, 1887.

NOTICES FOR ADDITIONS AND REPAIRS.

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These and other Additions may be seen, and forms of tender and contract for Additions and Repairs, &c., at the office of the Department of Public Instruction, Pitt-street, Sydney, endorsed "Tender for Additions and Repairs, &c., to the Public School," must be lodged with the Acting Under-Secretary, Department of Public Instruction, at or before 10 a.m. on Wednesday, the 25th December, 1887.

The Minister does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any bid.

JAMES INGLIS.

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TO MRS. RAYMOND or the OWNER or OWNERS of the LAND hereunder described.

Take Notice that pursuant to a Prickly Pear Destruction Act of 1886 you are required forthwith to eradicate the Prickly Pear on the Land situated as hereunder described.

F. P. HUXHAM, Inspector.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND.

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silway rates are lower in Melbourne than in Sydney, it will be obvious that the question has a bearing on the progress of the two cities. If the cost of living is greater in the one city than in the other, and the railway fares form one element of that cost, the effect must be to handicap the industries of the dearer centre. Melbourne and Sydney are rivals for the trade of a large part of the continent of Australia. If Melbourne is a cheaper and more comfortable city as respects its vehicle accommodation, it possesses an advantage which must tell on its progress. That is a consideration which the Government should not ignore. The railway policy should regard the city as well as the country industries. If the Government is justified in carrying wool at low rates to secure its transit to Sydney rather than to Melbourne, it is surely inconsistent to drive the wool on to Melbourne seaward by increasing the cost of handling and sale in Sydney. The country as well as the city is interested in a fair revision of the suburban railway rates. The railway policy of the country ought not to bear hardly on any particular class of its customers. If there is a deficiency on the working of any particular parts of the railway, the cost of it should be known, and be borne by the community generally. The real loss on unproductive railways would then be manifest, and a more effective check would be offered to the construction of such lines.

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moreover has been informed, and an inquest will take place.

A LITTLE girl named Agnes Dottman, living at 151, Bulleidring street, Bedfont, was admitted to the Sydney Hospital on Saturday last, and attended by Dr. Bray, who found her to be suffering from a compound fracture of the left foot, which was caused through her being run over by a cart in the vicinity of her residence. An elderly man named Thomas Marshall was also admitted to the institution, and on examination was found to be suffering from starvation.

John Witznau, who was taken to the Sydney Hospital on the 12th instant suffering from severe burns about the body, subsequent upon the explosion of a spirit lamp at Mr. Pyke's furniture warehouse, in Pitt-street, died at the institution at about 9 o'clock yesterday morning. A report of the case has been forwarded to the Coroner.

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LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

[BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.]

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

STEEL RAILS FOR VICTORIA.

LONDON, DEC. 16.

Messrs. Bolcock, Vaughan, and Co., of Middleborough-on-Tees, will supply 41,500 tons of steel rails required for the construction of railways in Victoria, authorised under the last Railway Construction Act.

THE FROZEN MEAT TRADE.

LONDON, DEC. 16.

The shipment of frozen meat by the steamship *Lusitania* realised 8d. per lb. New Zealand mutton brought 4d. Part of the cargo of frozen meat by the Liguria has arrived in a damaged condition.

PRIVY COUNCIL APPEAL CASE.

LONDON, DEC. 17.

The arguments in the appeal by the Victorian Railway Commissioners against the decision of the Supreme Court of Victoria in the action brought by Mr. and Mrs. Coulthard against the Commissioners, arising out of an accident on the Hawthorn line, have been heard by the Privy Council. The Judicial Committee reserved its decision.

GOLD-MINING IN QUEENSLAND.

LONDON, DEC. 17.

The Etheridge and King Gold-mining Company, Northern Queensland, has been registered. The capital of the company is fixed at £75,000.

INCREASE IN THE GERMAN ARMY.

LONDON, DEC. 17.

The German Reichstag is unanimously in favour of the bill for increasing the military forces of Germany by 500,000 men.

SUPPOSED LOSS OF A VESSEL AT SEA.

LONDON, DEC. 17.

A tin case has been picked up on the coast, containing a paper stating that the ship *Holen*, bound for Hobart, was sinking in the Bay of Biscay. The vessel had not been spoken since she left Portland some time previously.

FRENCH IRONCLAD SQUADRON IN THE CHANNEL.

LONDON, DEC. 17.

France is forming an ironclad squadron to be stationed in the English Channel.

THE FRANCO-ITALIAN COMMERCIAL TREATY.

LONDON, DEC. 17.

The operation of the commercial treaty between France and Italy has been extended for a period of two months.

THE ITALIAN BUDGET.

LONDON, DEC. 18.

The Italian Budget shows a deficit of 133,000,000 francs.

THE BURIAL OF A TRAFALGAR-SQUARE RIOTER.

LONDON, DEC. 17.

Sir Charles Warren, Chief of the Metropolitan Police, has prohibited the funeral of Linnell, the deceased Trafalgar-square rioter, from passing anywhere in the vicinity of the Square.

THE LATE RADICAL DISTURBANCES.

LONDON, DEC. 17.

A man named Harrison, who took part in one of the processions to Trafalgar-square on the occasion of the riots of November 13, has been sentenced to five years' penal servitude for stabbing a police-constable during the conflict between the police and the rioters at Westminster.

THE CORN DUTIES IN GERMANY.

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The German Reichstag has finally passed the increased corn duties.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

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COUNTRY NEWS.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our own Correspondents.)

BOURKE, SATURDAY.

A large supply of fresh water has been struck in the bore at a depth of 70ft. on Eromanga Station, Queensland.

The river is low. A slight rise is reported up the river. At Walgett the Barwon and Namoi are 6ft. 6in. rising; Morti, 14ft., rising; Mungindi, 14ft., stationary; Brewarina, low. It is falling at all the down river stations.

CROOKWELL, SATURDAY.

Haymaking is in full swing. The crop is light. The potato crop, where it is above the ground, promises well. A large part is under culture this year.

Mr. Matthew Burnett will preach here to-morrow, and will hold a temperance meeting on Monday.

The hall will be open 2 o'clock to-day, when it cleared off.

EUGOWRA, SATURDAY.

On Friday evening, when Cobb's coach was about a mile and a half from Murgia, the leading horse became unmanageable and ran the coach over the side of the cutting, capsizing the coach, and throwing the passengers out. The mail coach was close behind, and on coming up, the driver and passengers rendered what assistance they could; but by some good luck, though all got a good shaking, the driver is not blamed for the accident.

GRAFTON, SATURDAY.

Lieutenant-Colonel Wilkinson held an inspection parade of the infantry reserves on Thursday, when the companies were put through exercise by the officers. The men then performed several evolutions under the command of Sergeant-Major Barnwell; 59 men were present. It is likely that the two companies will be amalgamated so as to form one strong company.

LIVERPOOL, SATURDAY.

Mr. McCulloch addressed the electors of Central Cumberwell here last night. A vote of confidence in the candidate was unanimously carried. He said he had always been a freethinker. Alderman Hulme presided.

MOOYU, SATURDAY.

A public meeting under the auspices of the Morris Agricultural and Pastoral Association was held this evening in the Agricultural Hall, to protest against the repeal of the duties on butter, cheese, bacon, and ham, and also on sugar. Owing to the shortness of notice, the meeting was not very large. Mr. Hall presided. The following resolution was carried unanimously:—“That this meeting earnestly appeals to the Government to restrain from the removal of the duties on cheese, butter, bacon, and ham, and upon timber, as such a course must be disastrous in the extreme to this district, so far as it comes from the timber trade, and that, in so far as that a general embodying the foregoing resolution, be signed by the chairman on behalf of this meeting, and forwarded to our members for presentation to the Government.”

The weather is very hot. The crops are looking magnificent. Feed is abundant.

MOSS VALLE, SATURDAY.

An influential public meeting held this afternoon, on the motion of Mr. H. E. Kater, seconded by Mr. J. A. Badger, that an association be formed for the purpose of rendering mutual assistance to the men of the force. A committee was appointed. The boundaries of the district were agreed upon, and a general meeting to be held at the end of the year.

The Platelung Country School, which had made another effort in conjunction with the Walledown Council to establish a fire brigade for the joint use of the municipalities.

SUNDAY.

The “Old English Payne” has been so successful that the promoters have resolved to continue it. £300 has been taken in four days. This will release the Philharmonic Society from pecuniary difficulties, and will also leave a balance for local charities.

NYNGAN, SATURDAY.

A carrier named Buck, a non-union man, who loaded for W. H. Williams, Esq., and his son, had his horses taken seven miles and shot. One was dead, and the others were dying. The owner traced the horses from the paddock to where they were found, and there were tracks of men following them. Wright, Hester, and Co. intend to replace Buck's horses. The act is supposed to have been done by the members of the gang.

WILCANNIA, SATURDAY.

The steamer Rothbury arrived at Menindee from Wentworth. The Gem arrived at Wentworth from Morgan. The Menindee passed Poncarra down stream.

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PIJL.
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LEVUKA, Dec. 6.

The cable's news to hand yesterday by incoming mail to the effect that our late Lieutenant-Governor and Colonial Secretary, Sir John Bates Thurston, is to return from England immediately and take command as full-blown Governor, took all by surprise, and more so to those who, claiming to be of the inner ring, professed to know all the secrets of Government House and the scheme of administration that was to be carried out during the next 12 months.

Time is too short for me to gather any idea of what public opinion throughout the colony on the subject of Sir John's return to rule over us may prove to be. There can be no doubt but that when he took command he was that Fiji had seen the last of one who, a pioneer-setter of the very earliest days of settlement, has lived among us in many and varied capacities, and who of late years has been the most prominent actor on the Government stage, and even while comparatively in the background during Sir Arthur Gordon's earlier term of office has always been looked upon as the mainstay in working out the policy of Government in their dealings with the native tribes.

There can be no doubt that Sir John, if not the original originator of, was the chief agent in formulating the working order, the native taxation scheme, which has proved so pernicious in its effects to the Fijians as a race of people, and utterly disastrous in its results as regards the welfare of the colony as a whole. Whether he will have the courage now to retract his steps, and, by change of policy, tacitly admit former blunders, remains to be seen; but "Hope springs eternal in the human breast," and the hope here would seem to be that Sir John as an official member of the Legislative and Executive Councils, or at least temporary administrator of the Government, and Sir John as actual Governor—desirous responsible for the welfare of the colony entrusted to his control—may see matters from a somewhat different standpoint to that occupied when he was, so to speak, an irresponsible wire-puller. In the interim which has elapsed since his departure we have, at all events, had ample time to learn from executive action, and from such despatches to the Colonial Office as have been made public, that our present Governor, courteous and estimable gentleman that he has shown himself to be, is quite unequal to the task of grappling with the financial difficulties of the Government, or to initiate any policy which might help to lift the colony from the utter state of commercial stagnation into which it has drifted, partly from depressed values of staple products, but mainly due to the crippling effects of ill-advised legislation hampering the producer at every turn.

Since I last wrote, the estimates of revenue and expenditure for the ensuing year have been made public, revenue being set down at £63,750, a falling away from actual receipts in 1882, which were in round figures £211,314. To make up even the pitiful sum expected then, the proceeds from direct tax on the native population is set down at £10,000, a sum little likely to be gathered from the Fijians in their present impoverished condition. Expenditure is put down at £20,083, thus showing a nominal excess, but even the most sanguine do not longer hope to see these anticipations realized. Expenditure has been cut down in every direction. For public works, which include roads, bridges, and wharfs, the very sum of £20,000 is voted, for repairs and additions to public buildings another £600 is set down, and amounting £30,000 which has to be disbursed for interest on the public debt, clear on £273,000, and £1300 appropriated to ocean mail service, the remainder of our revenue, despite reductions in number of officers employed and emoluments paid to those remaining on the staff, is swallowed up in payment of salaries. From highest to lowest Civil servants have been cut down. The Governor returns £10,000 voted, heads of departments submit a reduction of 20 per cent, others drawing or supposed to draw over £300 per annum less 15 per cent, subordinates of all grades are maimed to the tune of 10 per cent.

I have before reported the indignation which obtained in this town consequent on reports received from some that the Governor intended to close Levuka port of entry, which derived its existence from the influence of the other officers of the Customs, receiving notice that their services would be dispensed with at the close of the current year. The wardens thereupon, and half of the citizens, addressed a letter of inquiry to the Governor through the proper channel; but failing to get any reply, the Chamber of Commerce took the matter in hand, and sent a deputation of our leading merchants to Suva for the purpose of personal interview with the Excellencies. The deputation were not only obtained the partial success of a promise that the port would be kept open during 1888 with a reduced staff to do the work, but were told plainly that in the event of revenue failing to reach estimates the port would certainly be closed, without reference to actual receipts or business transacted at the port as one of entry.

Our latest news from Melbourne would seem to give the death blow to all hope that the agitation for separation to that colony will come to a successful issue. A good many of our number were very sanguine on the subject, but I think more, though working considerably in the matter, rather looked for good results, by bringing our grievances prominently forward, than hoped to effect the object aimed at.

Returns from our cane plantations, both in quantity of cane cut in the fields and output of sugar the mills, continue to give promise that total of figures at the close of 1887-8 season will fully come up to best anticipations.

Outside sugar, our exports per steamer to your port, Melbourne, and Auckland show totals of 11,627 bunches of bananas, 924 cases of pine, 912 bags coconuts, 850 bags maize, 224 bags peanuts, 116 bags of rice, 482 bags beechee-deer, with smaller quantities of preserved fruits (pears and bananas), sago, flour, fungus, pearl, palm and tortoise shell, &c. It is rumoured to-day that a large and influential company has been formed in London with the object of sending oil mills in this colony. If capitalists will and the machinery we can feed their mills with raw material—coconuts and palm nut, candle nut, and dalo nuts, to any required extent.

The Mary Ogilvie, schooner, under charter to the Wesleyan Board of Missions, left here early last month, bound for New Britain with recruits to fill up and extend the ranks of pioneers labouring to Christianise the savages of this and the neighbouring islands of the group. Those who take deep interest in the mission work, the details of annual reports furnished are no doubt familiar; but it may interest some of your subscribers to read that the Wesleyan body in these islands claims to have 101,156 attendants, including Fijians, Polynesians, Indian coolies, and other aliens, at public worship throughout their group. They have established 1785 day schools, with scholars in attendance to the number of 40,718. 61,622 school children, and number in their 5,900 lay teachers and readers, 1030 teachers, candidates for the ministry, and 50 ordained ministers, native Fijians, at work in the islands. Though widely different in its objects, the report of the Wesleyan Missions' last cruise may fully follow the above. The schooner left Suva, taking a full complement of 78 time-expired labourers to their homes in the New Hebrides and the Solomons Islands, with 1100 to recruit an equal number for return to Fiji. Long before all outward passengers had been landed at their homes, the full number of labourers had been engaged, and before the vessel finally cleared the islands on her return voyage a number of both men and women had been turned out of the ship against their own will. Of those brought fully one-third here before been in service on Fijian plantations, and Captain Pearce's words to that effect as easily have ranged 150 at the 78 which he was licensed to carry.

Two months in succession the Fijian has left Suva on the Sunday morning, after arrival of the English mail via San Francisco, and New Zealand, refusing to wait an hour or so to receive and bring out postmen. As this refusal has left our clerks with a few hours only, instead of two days to deal with and reply to their correspondence, it can easily be understood that she has been coupled with the name of "Evo's Fruit Salt," and giving heavy damages to the plaintiff, has after a most exhaustive trial of two days' duration, been awarded £1000 with costs."—*Sydney Morning Herald*, November 26. [ADVT.]

TO MOTHERS AND ALL WHO HAVE THE CARE OF YOUNG CHILDREN.—The Medical Mirror says of "Evo's Cocco Essence": "We strongly recommend it as a diet for children."—[ADVT.]

free list totalled up close on 240. Other expositions were carried at a nominal fare, and the amount collected from this source was given away in prizes amongst the children.

Mr. George F. Martin, out of Government survey work in the Nadi district, met with a serious accident some few weeks since. In running up one of his lines, occasion needed scrambling up a somewhat steep rocky spur, in doing which a stone giving way under foot he fell and rolled some distance, and in so doing injured his knee-cap so seriously that he had to be carried on a rough litter some 80 miles to his home at Wadraga. The doctor, after first dressing, made all preparations for amputation in the expectation that it would become necessary to save his patient's life. Fortunately this extreme action was not found necessary, but Mr. Martin will be a cripple for some months to come, if not for life.

Despite hard times, gaieties have been the order of the day, or rather night, both here and at Savu. At this latter place the amateurs gave a performance, selecting "The Mikado" for representation. The first entertainment under the patronage of His Excellency proved so successful that general request was made for a repetition, which went off equally well. Suva is fortunate in having among her citizens musicians, vocal and instrumental, who would show up creditably amongst amateurs in very much larger communities than we can boast of in our Fiji villages. Levuka has distinguished itself in amateur dramatics, concerts, and Christy minstrels in aid of mechanics' institute and band funds, and originated also the idea of a "garden cake fair" for the pecuniary benefit of church funds, carried over very successfully, both from social and financial points of view. By papers now to hand, the example given is to be followed by the Suvalais for the benefit of their minister. Subscription lists for Christmas and New Year sports, regatta, horse races, athletic sports are now the order of the day, and the meeting of two gentlemen, one carrying a roll of paper, is a thing to be avoided if possible by any timly dodging round a corner.

NORFOLK ISLAND

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Nov. 29.

The schooner Mary Ogilvie arrived from Sydney on the 20th October, and took her departure for Fiji two days later. Since then we have heard nothing from the outside world. The ss. Taupo, from Newcastle to Fiji, was timed to call in here somewhere between the 10th and 12th November, to land Mrs. Salway and to pick up some produce. No Taupo made her appearance, much to the chagrin and disappointment of those concerned, and to one or two it will be a serious loss. This delay, especially in the beginning of our relations with the steamboat, is most unfortunate, as I'm afraid in future promises will be taken for what they are worth, and the trade will suffer.

The whaling industry for the present season is finished, the whales have taken their departure, and the boats are hauled up. The "get" is quite an average one for a possible season, upwards of 40 tons between the three companies: No. 1 Company, 17 tons; No. 2, 17 tons; No. 3, 11 tons, of which about 28 tons still remain on the island. Eleven whales were landed—three apiece for each company, and two "mate" whales captured by No. 3 in conjunction with No. 1, which had to be divided. The No. 2 Company, of which the chief magistrate is the head, only started in October, and during the three weeks their two boats were out landed three whales. While killing the last whale the magistrate got badly hurt with the flukes, and had to be taken ashore. He is now convalescent.

One of the most popular of the island gatherings, the Horticultural Society's spring show, took place at the usual tryat, Longridge, on the 17th November, and was as to weather, attendance, and other details all that could be desired. In Class I, agriculture, the most noticeable exhibits were the yams, which were large and smooth, and quite equal to other island produce. The sweet potatoes, though were comparatively poor, the leading lots not quite averaging 8lb. apiece. On the other hand, the Irish potatoes surpassed everything ever before exhibited, and were much admired as the "lion" of the show. Of the 40 lots shown, the greater part were of the "Early Rose" variety, the tubers being large, compact, and without excrements, and a fine lot it would be hardly possible to get together anywhere, a fact the committee seemed to recognise, as they are often tasked on three extra prizes. 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THE FRIENDS of Mr. A. COHEN are respectfully informed that the Funeral of his beloved WIFE, Priscilla, will leave his late residence, 268, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, December 19, 10 a.m. at the Mortuary Chapel, 116, Oxford-street.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. CARTON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his deceased beloved SON, John; to move from his residence, 24, Cottage, Roseway-street, Alexandria, 116, Pitt-street, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 3 p.m. at the Mortuary Chapel, 116, Pitt-street, Newgate-street.

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THE FRIENDS of Mr. WILLIAM FERRELL are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late son, William, to move from his residence, 10, Old Canterbury-road, Petersham, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 3 p.m. at the Mortuary Chapel, 116, Pitt-street, Newgate-street.

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THE FRIENDS of Mr. J. DIXON, Undertaker, 65 and 84, Pitt-street, for Canterbury Cemetery. WOOD and CO. Undertakers, 799, George-street, Sydney, and Balmain, and stationery.

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Tenders to be properly endorsed and delivered not later than 7 o'clock p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 21st instant.

KELTON VAUGHN, Council Clerk.

Town Hall, Garden-street, 13th December, 1887.

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TENDERS are hereby invited for Fencing about 100 Rods at Vans Park, Waverville, and Ercote gate and Check Posts. Specifications may be inspected, during office hours, at the Council-chambers, Road-side, Waverville.

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ROBERT T. ORE, Council Clerk.

Borough Council, Waverville, 13th December, 1887.

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TENDERS are invited on 1 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 20th instant, for partially forming Winkle-street.

Plans and specifications to be had at this office.

W. BARNETT SMITH, Council Clerk.

December 13th, 1887.

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TENDERS will be received for the undetermined Assets in the above Estate are invited, and will be received at our office till noon on TUESDAY, the 20th instant.

Particulars can be obtained from the undersigned (during office hours), to be sent under cover, endorsed "Tender for Estate," CECIL W. E. BEDFORD, Council Clerk and Engineer.

Town Hall, Handwick, December 12, 1887.

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